

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1315

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor Brennan McMurry for his heroism.

WHEREAS, the history of Tennessee is teeming with heroes, from those who courageously served in combat to those whose humanitarian acts made possible a brighter future, but the story of one particular everyday hero is especially moving and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, Brennan McMurry of Nashville is most certainly a hero; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning of April 22, 2018, an assailant armed with a semi-automatic rifle opened fire on the patrons and employees of the Waffle House restaurant located in the Antioch community of Metropolitan Nashville; and

WHEREAS, this heinous, cowardly act resulted in the deaths of four people and injuries to several others, including two people seriously injured by gunshot, but the aftermath might have been greater had Brennan McMurry not sprung into action; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMurry was in the restroom when he heard a commotion and multiple gunshots; with presence of mind during this unimaginable circumstance, he relied upon the active-shooter training he had received at his place of employment to intervene; and

WHEREAS, Brennan McMurry quickly pushed two young women into the back of the bathroom and made way for one other man and woman; once all were safely inside, he locked the door; and

WHEREAS, when the gunshots ceased, he waited ten seconds before opening the door, revealing the devastating scene he and those he ushered to safety had narrowly avoided; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Mr. McMurry found his friend James Shaw, Jr., who is also being hailed as a hero after wrestling a gun from the shooter; hours later, both men, who

are fathers to young children, decided to go to church together to pray and thank God for their lives and their families; and

WHEREAS, Brennan McMurry saved multiple lives during a moment of crisis, and it is fitting that he be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Brennan McMurry for his heroic actions on the morning of April 22, 2018, that saved the lives of fellow Nashvillians and extend to him our best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.